

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and following remarks. By virtue of the amendment, claims 1, 6-9, 14, 15, and 20-26 are pending of which claims 1, 9, and 15 are independent.

No new matter has been introduced by way of the claim amendments, entry thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph. Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kandasamy et al. (5,513,314). The above rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the reasons set forth below.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 First Paragraph

Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph, because the specification allegedly does not describe ignoring a request and not responding to a request. In a telephone conference conducted with Examiner Nguyen on December 15, 2004, figure 2, step 245 and page 6, line 10 of the specification were discussed. Examiner Nguyen agreed ignoring a request and not responding to a request were described in the specification and in the drawings at least on page 6 of the specification and in figure 2. Accordingly, this rejection has been overcome and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kandasamy et al. In a telephone conference conducted with Examiner Nguyen on December 21, 2004, it was agreed that the amendments herein overcome this rejection. Accordingly, all the pending claims 1, 6-9, 14, 15, and 20-26 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

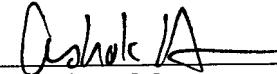
Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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